



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Michel DRANCOURT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 10/529,319

Examiner: D. THOMAS

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For: MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA OF GENUS STREPTOCOCCUS AND RELATED GENERA

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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Sir:

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